

**ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF TRUCKS ON CITY STREETS**  
**#2001-1462**

In 2001 the Martinsville Common Council passed an ordinance pertaining to trucks weighing a gross weight of over 16,000 pounds be prohibited from utilizing city streets. This was done through the authority of IC 9-20.

The ordinance states in part:

- 1) That no person, firm, or corporation shall operate or allow to be operated a freight carrying vehicle or a vehicle designed to carry freight with a gross weight over 16,000 pounds on a city street unless:
  - a) Permission has been obtained from the Martinsville Police Chief to operate said vehicle on a city street or said vehicle is being operated conduct business for or on behalf of the City of Martinsville.
  - b) Said vehicle is transporting freight or material to or from a business site within the City of Martinsville.
  - c) That said freight carrying vehicle is making a delivery of material or supplies including construction equipment to a site within the City of Martinsville, then said vehicle shall travel over the shortest possible route upon city streets from the point of entry and shall then leave the street at the nearest available point of exit.
- 2) That in the event there is any discrepancy concerning the weight of the vehicle stopped by police authorities, said vehicle shall be directed to a weight scales for a determination of weight of said vehicle.

Any person or entity who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to the fines as therefore adopted in the Martinsville Municipal Code.

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Permanent signs have been placed on every entryway when they come into the city.

Any vehicle that weighs over 16,000 pounds that is stopped and the driver advises that he/she is making a delivery to a local business, they will be required to show proof with their paperwork they should have in their possession. No vehicle as described above will utilize city streets as a thoroughfare. Alternate routes will be utilized, such as bypasses.